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TO: *His Excellency, Governor James B. Edwards, Chairman State Budget and Control Board, and The Members of the South Carolina General Assembly.*

The Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee respectfully submits for consideration its annual report. Included in this report are general data concerning the development of the program and specific data covering the 1978-79 academic year.

Respectfully yours,
Hilburn Womble, Jr.
Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee

TUITION GRANTS—PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

“Whereas, the General Assembly finds that as a result of the rising school population and the continuously rising cost of providing proper facilities for the higher education of young people, there exists in this State an urgent need to use all available educational resources wisely. A lack of higher educational facilities is inimical to the welfare and prosperity of all residents of the State and to the continued financial growth of the State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly also finds that within the State there exists several accredited independent institutions of higher learning whose facilities could be used effectively in the public interest by providing additional space for students thereby eliminating the need for substantial increases in capital outlay funds;

Whereas, it is vital to the growth of the State that all qualified residents be offered the opportunity for furthering their education.

To achieve this in the most economical manner, students willing to bear the major cost of their education expenses should be assisted where financial need exists in an effort to make their educational goals more readily attainable.”

—The Preamble to the Tuition Grants Law

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION GRANTS COMMITTEE

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE AGENCY

The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina during the 1970 session passed Act 1191 creating the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee. This committee was created as a State agency charged with the responsibility for overseeing the operation of the Tuition Grants Program.

HISTORY OF THE AGENCY

In 1970 the General Assembly passed a bill which created the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee, an agency which was charged with the responsibility of administering tuition grants to independent college students. The Governor signed the bill on May 1, 1970. The original appropriation was \$5,000. No awards were made the first year. In 1971-72 the program aided 43 students. In 1972-73, a total of 134 students received awards.

A total of 3,271 grants were made for the 1973-74 academic year. The Committee made awards to 5,186 students for the 1974-75 academic year. 5,784 awards were made to students for the 1975-76 year. 7,516 awards were made to students for the 1976-77 year. During 1977-78 7,758 awards were made. Thus far, 7,497 awards have been made to students for the 1978-79 year.

PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE AGENCY

The South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee has been charged by the General Assembly with the responsibility of administering the Tuition Grants Program. This program allows South Carolina residents who attend independent colleges in this state to receive financial assistance from the state.

All grant recipients must be full-time students, of good moral character and must demonstrate financial need and academic merit. They may not take a course which leads to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.

Eligible students may apply their grants toward tuition and fees at a South Carolina independent college which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or certified for teacher training. The amount of the grant may not exceed the student's financial need or the total of tuition and fees charged by the college. Also, the amount may not exceed the annual subsidy for students who attend public colleges in the state.

In October 1978, the Tuition Grants Committee distributed

application forms to all South Carolina secondary schools and to eligible colleges. The guidance offices at the secondary schools and the financial aid offices at the colleges distributed these application forms to students throughout the state.

The Tuition Grants Office received a total of 10,753 applications for the 1978-79 Academic year.

The Tuition Grants Program has opened the door of educational opportunity to thousands of South Carolinians. A survey of grant recipients has indicated that forty-three percent (43%) of the grant awardees would not have gone to college without the grant.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

In addition to performing the program and administrative activities related directly to the grants program, the agency conducts workshops for the improvement of financial aid administration statewide. During 1977-78, the agency, in consultation with the South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SCASFAA), produced a comprehensive Financial Aid Training Manual for all financial aid professionals in the state. In 1978-79 workshops have been held to upgrade the proficiency of financial aid staff members. Partial funding for this activity was provided from federal funds in the State Student Financial Assistance Training Project.

Agency staff members have also participated in over twenty-five (25) workshops for parents and high school guidance personnel during the last twelve (12) months.

RESOURCES

The state appropriation for 1978-79	\$9,217,379
Federal matching funds through the	
State Student Incentive Grants Program	\$ 776,643
Total Grants Program Funding	\$9,994,022
Total administrative costs for 1978-79 will be approximately \$139,578 or 1.5% of the appropriation.	

1978-79 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Students at eighteen (18) independent colleges in South Carolina were eligible to participate in the Tuition Grants Program during 1978-79. These colleges enrolled a total of 16,493 full time undergraduate students. Seventy eight percent (78%) of these students are from South Carolina.
2. Two out of every three recipients had a total family income of less than \$14,000 per year. Eighty five percent (85%) of the students had incomes less than \$20,000 per year. The average 1977 income was \$11,366.
3. Twenty eight percent (28%) of the 1978-79 award dollars went to South Carolina residents attending the four historically black colleges that participate in the program.
4. The 1978-79 average tuition/fee charge is \$2280 per year, not including room, board or books. This is an increase of \$195 over the 1977-78 average.
5. Seventy four percent (74%) of the 1978-79 freshmen tuition grant recipients ranked in the upper half of their high school class.
6. Females accounted for 62% of the 1978-79 awardees.
7. Eighty eight percent (88%) of the recipients were dependent upon their parents/guardians for financial support. Twelve percent (12%) were totally independent and relied only on their own income or that of a spouse.

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**UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME STUDENT ENROLLMENTS
AT THE EIGHTEEN COLLEGES PARTICIPATING
IN TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79
Anderson	981	1017	1063	1063	961	1027
Baptist	1215	1236	1297	1286	1285	1469
Benedict	1265	1262	1615	1973	2025	1745
Central Wesleyan	276	321	346	338	349	369
Clafflin	746	820	903	985	892	844
Coker	561	544	403	377	281	254
Columbia	831	832	783	812	846	849
Converse	779	764	717	753	767	731
Erskine	685	715	710	656	647	657
Furman	1990	2007	2027	2012	2004	2179
Limestone	427	432	464	656	681	1038
Morris	347	389	515	617	640	594
Newberry	777	828	829	812	810	789
North Greenville	592	594	555	493	475	477
Presbyterian	860	812	828	798	808	872
Spartanburg	794	774	922	903	944	863
Voorhees	728	846	1007	1042	954	780
Wofford	1006	982	944	1030	975	956

TOTAL STUDENTS.	14,860	15,175	15,928	16,606	16,344	16,493
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Source: "Opening Fall Enrollments," Higher Education General Information Survey

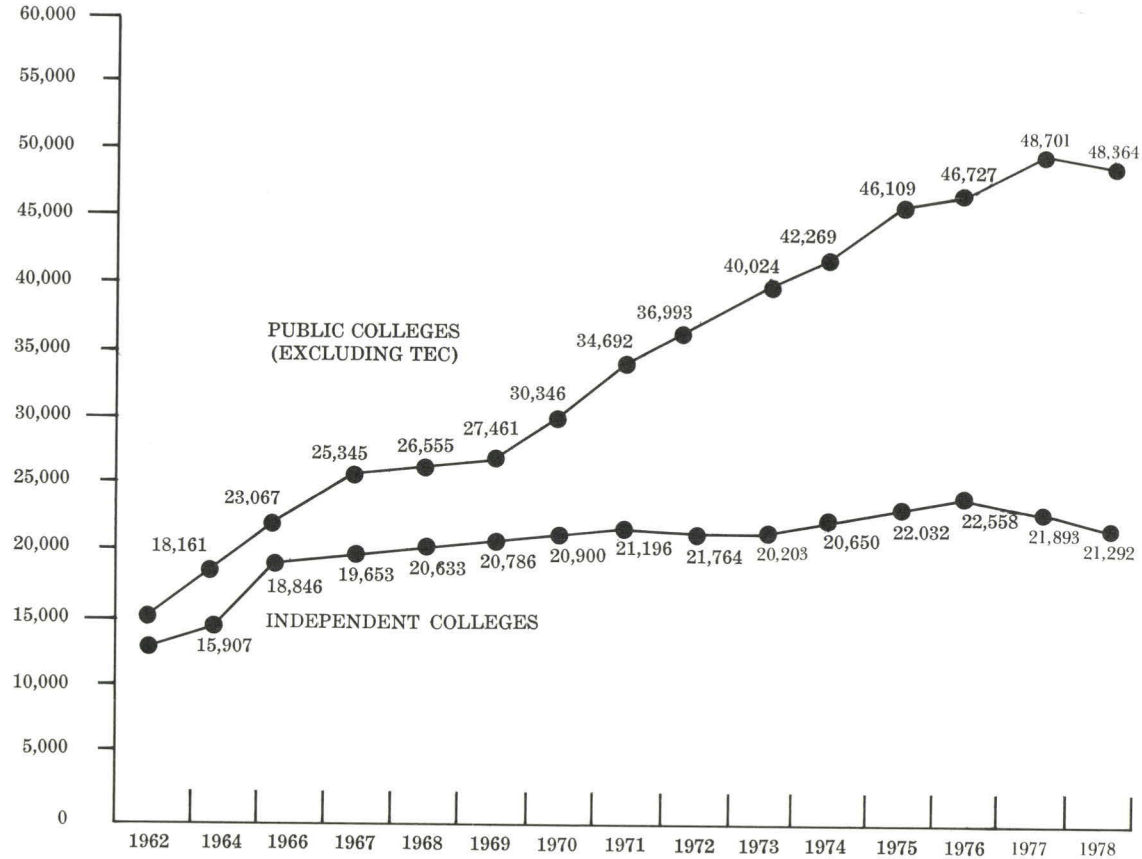
**FULL-TIME FRESHMEN ENROLLMENTS AT THE EIGHTEEN
COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN TUITION GRANTS
PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79
Anderson	573	569	662	623	604	778
Baptist	437	442	552	604	569	794
Benedict	336	459	687	778	645	530
Central Wesleyan	94	118	121	103	113	126
Claflin	268	322	302	297	264	272
Coker	163	150	127	124	82	86
Columbia	277	290	253	248	283	314
Converse	261	234	246	242	228	207
Erskine	212	240	252	204	206	165
Furman	609	615	655	631	649	778
Limestone	135	163	157	193	198	344
Morris	127	188	205	274	275	206
Newberry	283	280	303	259	278	248
North Greenville	450	483	385	282	262	320
Presbyterian	250	221	252	277	307	345
Spartanburg	549	623	454	538	527	490
Voorhees	244	318	327	495	383	385
Wofford	264	263	257	343	312	321
TOTAL STUDENTS.	5532	5978	6197	6515	6185	6709

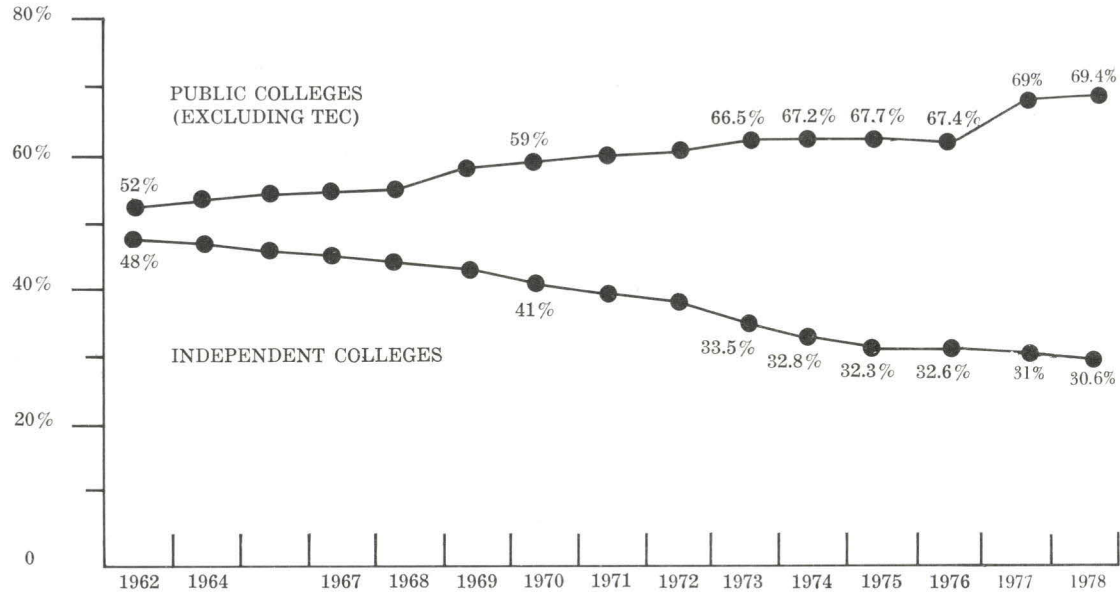
**S.C. RESIDENT ENROLLMENTS AT THE EIGHTEEN
COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN
TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79
Anderson	931	966	993	1004	892	947
Baptist	1085	1105	1203	1207	1207	1360
Benedict	1126	1103	1473	1808	1839	1613
Central Wesleyan	156	196	174	171	184	228
Claflin	764	785	870	948	851	803
Coker	488	485	344	335	239	219
Columbia.....	787	793	733	766	792	789
Converse	312	324	327	317	304	296
Erskine	435	470	527	493	485	489
Furman	1041	1221	993	901	860	903
Limestone	292	325	358	528	572	949
Morris.....	326	415	503	552	601	561
Newberry	574	595	625	631	624	632
North Greenville	634	639	527	460	432	437
Presbyterian	476	465	504	501	455	445
Spartanburg	758	751	840	898	909	822
Voorhees	692	813	939	935	867	717
Wofford	749	735	695	763	721	704
TOTAL STUDENTS.	11,626	12,186	12,628	13,218	12,834	12,914

FULL-TIME COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENTS BY PUBLIC & PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS



PERCENTAGE OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
IN PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLEGES



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND GRANTS AWARDED 1978-79

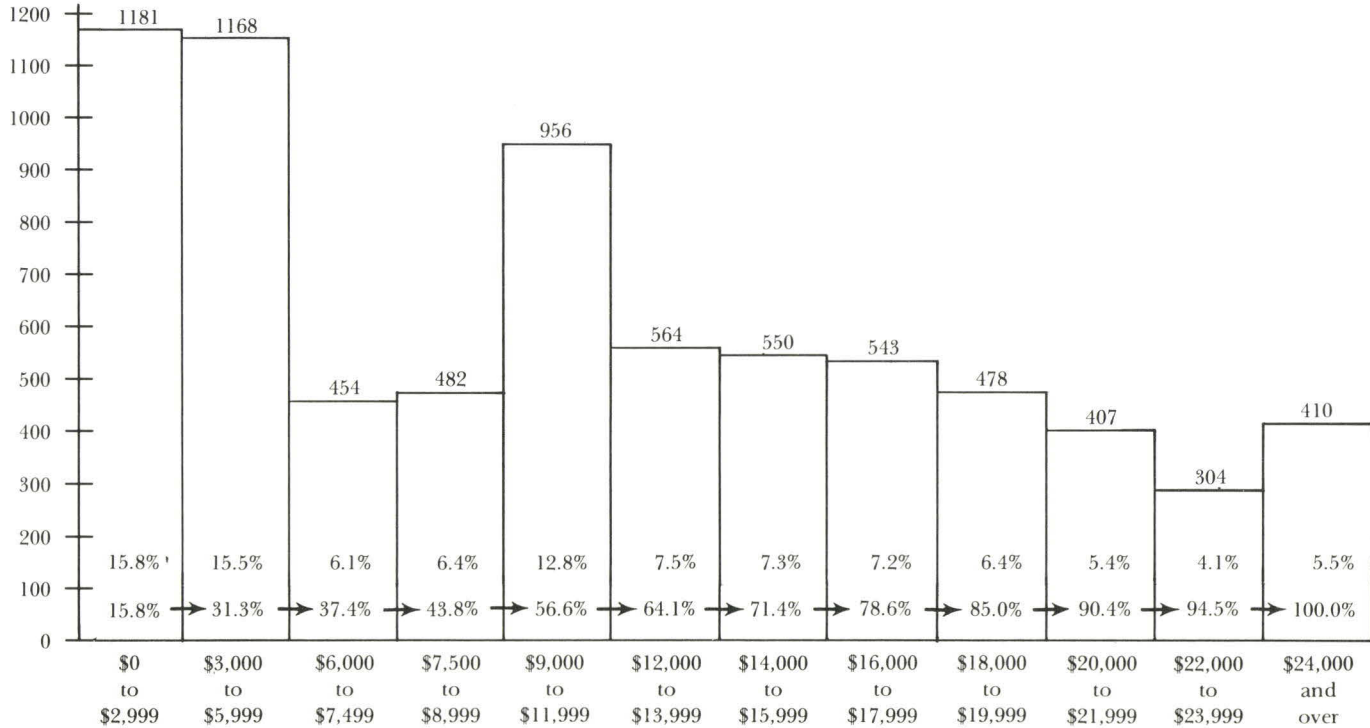
	Applications Received	Grants
Anderson	694	449
Baptist	1,287	778
Benedict	1,775	1,294
Central Wesleyan	193	146
Clafflin	884	668
Coker	218	151
Columbia	572	429
Converse	151	119
Erskine	395	319
Furman	650	524
Limestone	448	250
Morris	518	332
Newberry	563	405
North Greenville	314	193
Presbyterian	311	230
Spartanburg	640	388
Voorhees	666	464
Wofford	<u>474</u>	<u>358</u>
TOTALS	10,753	7,497

1978-79 TUITION GRANTS

<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>FRESHMEN</u>		<u>SOPHOMORES</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>		<u>SENIORS</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>	
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Anderson	269	\$ 313,520	180	\$ 217,690		\$ 0		\$ 0	449	\$ 531,210
Baptist	247	417,930	221	364,570	155	258,740	155	245,150	778	1,286,390
Benedict	321	365,550	339	376,810	334	356,220	304	321,322	1,298	1,419,902
Central Wesleyan	54	83,120	28	43,180	32	43,700	32	53,010	146	223,010
Clafflin	170	145,720	173	133,770	151	121,130	174	151,487	668	552,107
Coker	27	42,420	35	56,110	43	65,710	46	73,090	151	237,330
Columbia	143	223,320	117	180,990	85	126,460	82	120,435	427	651,205
Converse	30	51,050	26	44,470	33	56,290	30	43,670	119	195,480
Erskine	85	137,810	70	111,070	87	140,650	77	127,870	319	517,400
Furman	136	226,220	134	222,460	132	219,110	124	209,300	526	877,090
Limestone	70	105,920	45	72,230	80	113,590	54	82,616	249	374,356
Morris	81	58,690	101	92,990	93	79,130	57	43,690	332	274,500
Newberry	96	160,520	108	180,870	92	152,530	106	177,730	402	671,650
North Greenville	111	117,265	81	82,620		0		0	192	199,885
Presbyterian	74	119,960	67	108,780	32	49,160	56	85,300	229	363,200
Spartanburg	205	222,430	184	196,576		0		0	389	419,006
Voorhees	103	114,330	99	98,690	120	120,690	143	131,680	465	465,390
Wofford	94	150,254	68	113,666	117	194,377	79	130,080	358	588,377
TOTAL	2,316	\$3,056,029	2,076	\$2,697,542	1,586	\$2,097,487	1,519	\$1,996,430	7,497	\$9,847,488

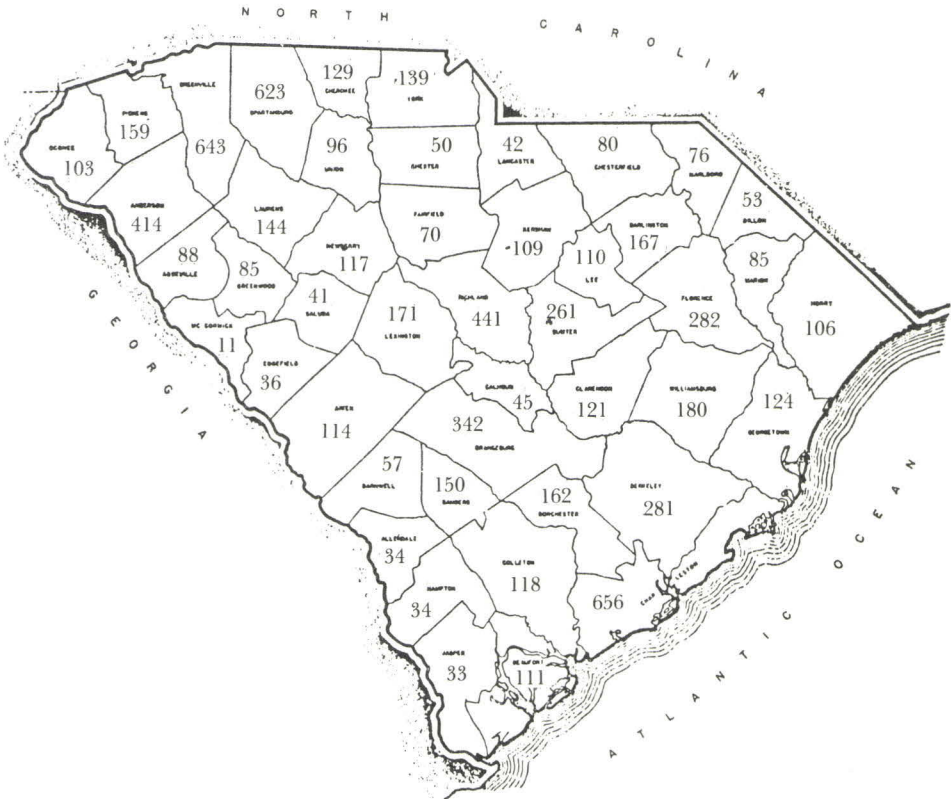
Note: Above figures will vary due to refunds, award changes, and new awards.

1978-79 GRANTS BY INCOME RANGES



1978-79 TUITION GRANTS BREAKDOWN

County	Number of Recipients	Percentage of Recipients	Percentage of State Population
Abbeville	88	1.18	.81
Aiken	114	1.52	3.51
Allendale	34	.45	.37
Anderson	414	5.53	4.07
Bamberg	150	2.00	.62
Barnwell	57	.76	.66
Beaufort	111	1.48	1.97
Berkeley	281	3.75	2.16
Calhoun	45	.60	.42
Charleston	656	8.75	9.55
Cherokee	129	1.72	1.42
Chester	50	.68	1.15
Chesterfield	80	1.08	1.30
Clarendon	121	1.62	.98
Colleton	118	1.58	1.06
Darlington	167	2.23	2.06
Dillon	53	.72	1.11
Dorchester	162	2.16	1.25
Edgefield	36	.48	.61
Fairfield	70	.93	.77
Florence	282	3.76	2.46
Georgetown	124	1.65	1.30
Greenville	643	8.58	9.28
Greenwood	85	1.13	1.92
Hampton	34	.45	.61
Horry	106	1.42	2.70
Jasper	33	.44	.46
Kershaw	109	1.45	1.34
Lancaster	42	.56	1.67
Laurens	144	1.92	1.92
Lee	110	1.47	.71
Lexington	171	2.28	3.43
McCormick	11	.15	.31
Marion	85	1.13	1.17
Marlboro	76	1.01	1.05
Newberry	117	1.56	1.13
Oconee	103	1.37	1.57
Orangeburg	342	4.56	2.70
Pickens	159	2.12	2.30
Richland	441	5.89	9.03
Saluda	41	.55	.56
Spartanburg	623	8.31	6.71
Sumter	261	3.48	3.07
Union	96	1.28	1.13
Williamsburg	180	2.40	1.32
York	139	1.86	3.30



1977-78 TUITION GRANTS

<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>FRESHMEN</u>		<u>SOPHOMORES</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>		<u>SENIORS</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>	
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Anderson	255	\$ 273,205	202	\$ 213,941		\$ 0		\$ 0	457	\$ 487,146
Baptist	229	302,920	184	257,661	173	238,435	153	198,455	739	997,471
Benedict	375	434,033	467	564,452	385	480,333	214	241,280	1,441	1,720,098
Central Wesleyan	34	43,180	21	25,230	25	31,235	37	51,845	117	151,490
Claflin	188	116,390	195	135,785	185	129,435	155	94,645	723	476,255
Coker	29	38,863	27	38,540	49	67,200	33	45,603	138	190,206
Columbia.....	141	177,860	91	123,631	93	126,540	67	93,707	392	521,738
Converse	37	51,720	29	45,450	30	40,650	25	34,975	121	172,795
Erskine	75	104,120	81	115,125	99	140,121	69	100,790	324	460,156
Furman	135	190,882	122	164,427	119	168,434	131	192,600	507	716,343
Limestone	65	78,881	61	75,760	67	87,910	41	54,435	234	296,986
Morris.....	53	29,150	86	49,320	66	40,815	52	32,660	257	151,945
Newberry	142	194,485	107	154,950	106	153,179	69	94,308	424	596,922
North Greenville	110	100,780	80	81,890		0		0	190	182,670
Presbyterian	82	118,375	39	54,695	61	86,290	44	62,670	226	322,030
Spartanburg	249	211,397	200	171,926		0		0	449	383,323
Voorhees	126	93,899	162	141,530	162	157,145	180	158,635	630	551,209
Wofford	83	116,070	119	160,525	103	142,925	84	108,610	389	528,130
TOTAL***	2,408	\$2,676,210	2,273	\$2,574,838	1,723	\$2,090,647	1,354	\$1,565,218	7,758	\$8,906,913

AWARDS, STATE FUNDS, AND TOTAL FUNDS HISTORY

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>
STATE APPROPRIATION	\$5000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,180,000	\$7,255,473	\$7,332,686	\$8,354,749	\$9,356,497
TOTAL FUNDS	\$5000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,398,882	\$7,460,840	\$7,833,339	\$9,085,707	\$10,133,140
NUMBER OF GRANTS		43	134	3,271	5,186	5,784	7,516	7,758	7,497*

*1978-79 grants do not include total number of new second semester awards.

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